

## Moving FRD in Wisconsin

- You must have two individual identifications, one official, one unique attached to each animal moved.
- You must have been enrolled in the CWD Herd Status Program for five years, conduct appropriate tuberculosis testing prior to movement and include this information on a CVI completed by a Wisconsin accredited veterinarian.

## Importing FRD to Wisconsin

All FRD imported into WI must have an import permit and a CVI that indicates compliance with import testing requirements for Tuberculosis, Brucellosis and appropriate CWD status. (Detail on the requirements can be found under s. ATCP 10.55)

## CWD Testing in Wisconsin

FRD must be tested for CWD as follows:

If enrolled in a CWD herd status program, 100% of FRD, 12 months or older, that die must be tested for CWD, regardless of cause of death including by hunt.

If not enrolled, FRD 16-months or older must be tested as follows: 100% of FRD that are killed intentionally or die by natural/accidental causes and 25% of FRD sent to slaughter. If not enrolled but the FRD are located on a hunting preserve, 50% of FRD that are killed intentionally, including by hunt. The hunter must be informed of the test results if his/her deer was tested.

CWD samples must be taken within 7 days of the deer being killed (or discovered dead) and by a private veterinarian certified by DATCP to take the sample.

## Overview

No person may keep farm-raised deer (FRD) at any location in this state unless they have a valid FRD keeper herd registration certificate issued by the department authorizing that person to keep FRD at that location. This brochure summarizes the FRD keeper requirements in Wisconsin. Except to slaughter, you may not move a live FRD off a farm in Wisconsin unless you are enrolled in the Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Herd Status Program.

To operate as a hunting preserve, you must obtain a hunting preserve certificate.

To keep FRD in Wisconsin:

- Register as a FRD keeper with DATCP every year; registration expires each March 15. Include any partial owner information on the registration.
- Register your farm as a livestock premises every three years.
- Allow DATCP staff access to your herd for disease testing upon request.
- Test animals 12 or 16 months or older for CWD when required.
- FRD and bovines can be commingled as long as all animals only go directly to slaughter.
- Report all escapes to DATCP (608-224-4886) and to your local DNR warden within 24 hours.
- Do not add any wild deer into your herd.
- Do not allow hunting of the herd without an approved Hunting Preserve certificate from DATCP (see s. ATCP 10.47).
- Do not move any dead deer (whole or part) from your premises without official ID or a dead tag number attached to each piece of the carcass.
- Obtain a DNR fencing certificate if White-tailed deer are in the registered herd.

**For more information on keeping FRD, the CWD Herd Status Program or Hunting Preserves, contact the Division of Animal Health at (608) 224-4896.**

Requirements for the keeping of FRD in Wisconsin are established under subchapter VII of ch. ATCP 10, Wis. Administrative Code and s. 95.55, Wis. Statutes. The complete set of rules can be viewed on the web at: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/rsb/code/atcp/atcp010.pdf>. Wis. Statutes can be found at: <http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/statutes/statutes/95.pdf>.

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# Farm-raised Deer Keepers in Wisconsin



**Division of Animal Health  
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white-tailed deer

red deer

elk

sika deer

fallow deer



# Wisconsin's General Requirements for Keeping Farm-raised Deer

## Registration

To obtain an annual registration certificate, submit a completed application, which includes applicable fees. An application can be obtained at <http://datcp.wi.gov/uploads/Farms/pdf/NewFarmRaisedDeerKeeperApplication.pdf> or by calling 608-224-4896.

- For herds of no more than 15 deer, not on the CWD Herd Status Program, who only move to slaughter, the fee is \$85.00.
- For herds of no more than 15 deer and enrolled in the CWD Herd Status Program, the fee is \$162.50.
- For herds of more than 15 deer, the fee is \$325.00.

### One Herd Kept At Multiple Locations

All of the following conditions apply whenever a herd of FRD is kept at 2 or more locations:

- All the FRD, at all locations must be enrolled in the CWD Herd Status Program and have the same tuberculosis (TB) testing status.
- Two individual identifications (ID), one official, one unique, are required on each animal you move between these locations.
- A record must be kept of each FRD moved which includes all individual identification, the species, age, sex, the date moved, and the locations to which and from which the deer were moved.
- All FRD covered by the registration are a single herd and will be treated as such for purposes of disease control and movement. For example, if one location is quarantined for disease control, all locations are quarantined.

No Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) is required for movement between locations when all locations are included in a single registration.

If White-tailed deer are present, each location must have a DNR fencing certificate.

### Multiple Herds Kept On One Farm with Different Disease Status

If you want to enroll more than one herd at a single location with different disease status, for example a breeding herd in the CWD Herd Status Program (to allow moving of live animals from that herd) and a hunting preserve at the same location, you must meet all of the following conditions:

- Register each herd separately.
- Get a CVI and meet all movement requirements to move animals from one of the herds to the other, regardless of the distance.
- Have the herds inspected for Medical Separation. A DATCP veterinarian will inspect the facilities to ensure the separation and biosecurity measures are adequate. The inspection fee is \$200 per day. If the farm fails inspection, there will be a fee of \$200 for each return visit. Once approved by DATCP as medically separated, the herds are considered separate herds for disease control purposes and enrollment in any disease status or certification programs (CWD status or TB certification).
- Maintain records relating to deer movement out of, into or between the herds.

## Record Keeping

Records must be kept for at least 5 years, and must be made available to the department for inspection and copying upon request.

**A person who keeps FRD must keep all of the following records related to each live FRD that leaves the herd other than for slaughter, or that enters the herd from another herd:**

- All individual identification numbers for each animal moved.
- Species, sex and age of FRD.
- The date on which the FRD entered or left the herd.
- The name and address of the person from whom you received, or to whom you shipped, the FRD.
- The person who had custody of the FRD during shipment.
- A copy of any CVI that accompanied the FRD, including the DATCP import permit number if the deer was imported from another state.

**A person who keeps FRD must keep all of the following records related to each FRD that the person ships live to slaughter:**

- All individual identifications of the FRD.
- The species, age and sex of the FRD.
- The date on which the FRD was shipped to slaughter.
- The name and address of the slaughter facility.
- The name and address of the person who transported the FRD to slaughter.
- A copy of owner shipper statement or VS 1-27.
- CWD test results, if required.

**A person who keeps FRD must keep all of the following records related to every FRD that dies, or is killed or slaughtered, on the herd premises:**

- The species, age and sex of the FRD
- All identification attached to the FRD, including any carcass identification.
- The date on which the FRD died, or was killed or slaughtered. If the FRD was found dead on the premises, the person shall record the date on which the FRD was found dead.
- The disposition of all parts of the carcass, regardless of whether the carcass leaves the premises. If any part of the carcass leaves the herd premises, the disposition record shall include the disposition date, the name and address of the carcass recipient, and all carcass identification.
- CWD test results, if required.